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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Madras Act has been extended to the Transferred Area but it has not taken effect. It has to be notified and then it will take effect from a certain date which has not been done. Meanwhile it is nothing to prevent the registered medical practitioners to practice. As soon as this Act is extended by notification, then registration of medical practitioners will take place according to the provisions of the Act.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the approximate date when the Government will be issuing this notification?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We shall try to do it as early as possible.

Atomic Power Plant (location).

9 a.m. * 937 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any decision has been reached about the location of an Atomic Power Plant at Madras ; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : The Hon. Minister had stated on the floor of the House that the location of an atomic plant was pressed in the Zonal Council meeting. In the Governor's Address also it was stated that the atomic plant would be located in the Madras State but in the Budget speech no mention . . .

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member need not refer to them. Let him put a direct question. We are not concerned with what had been stated in the Budget or the Governor's Address.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Why it has been dropped?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have never stated that it has been dropped. I have just now stated that the place where it has to be located, has not been decided because the proposal is still in the early stage. As regards our statements to which the hon. Member has referred, we have been pressing for the location of an atomic plant within our State and it is still there, and it is gaining strength day by day not because of political pressure but because the demand from industries is such that we will have to find some power as rapidly as possible. The demand is such that the Government of India have recognised our need and they are also doing their best to get a plant for us.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Irrespective of the place where it would be located, has it been decided that the Madras State will get a plant to be located anywhere in our State?

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Before deciding whether our State will get it, the Government of India will have to decide, how many plants they are going to have during the Third-Plan period because as far as the Atomic Plant is concerned, it is not as if everything is readily available for the Atomic Plant to be located. The Atomic Plant is still in a big research stage not only in this country but even in most advanced countries throughout the world. Luckily for us the need to develop the atomic energy for peaceful purposes has been taken up very seriously by the Government of India. That is why we feel that when the Government decide about the number of atomic plants to be set up, the Madras State will also get one.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் பொழுது மத்திய சர்க்கார் இதைத் தீவிரமாக உணர்ந்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே அது கிடைக்கும் என்று தெரிவித்தார்கள். பாம்பே மாநிலம் நமக்குப் பின்னர் கேட்டது. பாம்பே மாநிலத்தில் அணுசக்தி நிலையத்தை அமைப்பதற்கு மத்திய அரசாங்கம் அனுமதி கொடுத்துவிட்டது. நமது மாநில அமைச்சர்கள் எத்தனையோ ஆண்டுகள் கேட்டும்கூட தீவிரமாக ஆலோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்லுவது நியாயமா ? இதை வற்புறுத்தி மூன்றாவது திட்டத்தில் சேர்ப்பதற்கு என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் என்று கேட்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : I rule this question out of order. We are not concerned with what is happening in the Bombay State.

SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR : We have decided to start an Atomic Plant. We have stated our need and the Central Government is also considering the possibility of giving us an Atomic Plant. Before making the request to the Central Government, have this Government devised any measures for procuring millions and millions of gallons of fresh water that may be required for cooling purposes?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Water is no problem.

Salt Factories in Kanyakumari (Tax)

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 938 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the Proceedings.

* 938 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any tax or rent or kudivila is being collected from the Salt Factories of the Kanyakumari district by the State Government;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof;

(*c*) whether any such taxes are being collected from the Salt Factories in other districts; and

(*d*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The proprietors or licensees of Salt Factories situated on Government lands leased out to them are assessed a dual levy. The licensees in that case pay an annual land tax at the rate of